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Response to Second Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief Under 37 C.F.R. § 41.37

This response is filed within one month of a second notice of non-compliant Appeal brief dated April 30, 2010. The Notice stated that the brief does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each independent claim involved. Specifically claims 2 and 16 should be independently addressed.

Applicant herewith submits a new section "**V. SUMMARY OF THE CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER**" listing the appealed claims. Applicant respectfully requests that the attached section V be accepted and inserted into the Appeal Brief.

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Respectfully submitted,

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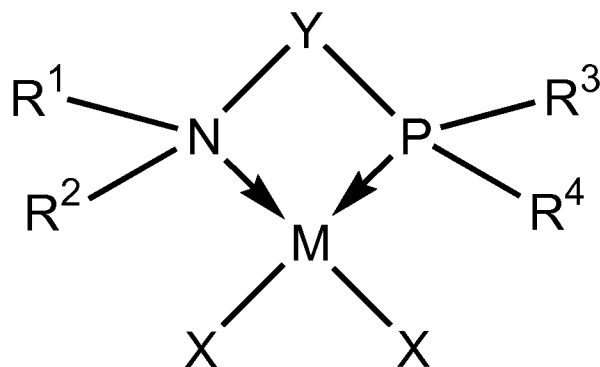
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V. SUMMARY OF THE CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

Independent claim 2

The present invention as claimed is directed to a catalyst compound useful in olefin oligomerization and or polymerization represented by the formula:



wherein

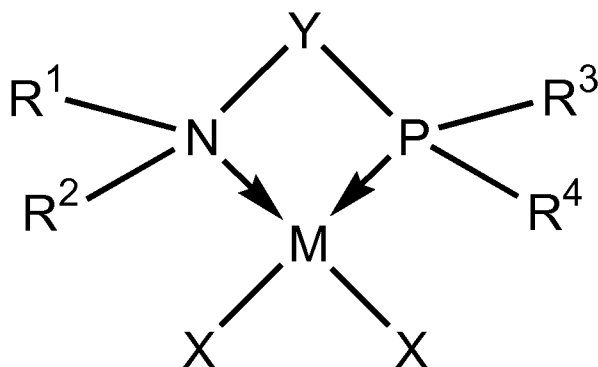
M is iron, cobalt, or nickel; N is nitrogen; P is phosphorus; R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 are hydrocarbyl radicals; Y is a hydrocarbyl bridge comprising a backbone wherein the backbone comprises a chain that is four or more carbon atoms long and is selected from the group consisting of butylene, pentylene, hexylene, heptylene, octylene, nonylene, decylene, undecylene, dodecylene, tridecylene, tetradecylene, pentadecylene, hexadecylene, heptadecylene, octadecylene, nonadecylene, eicosylene, heneicosylene, docosylene, tricosylene, tetracosylene, pentacosylene, hexacosylene, heptacosylene, octacosylene, nonacosylene, triacontylene, cyclohexylene, cyclooctylene, cyclododecylene, cyclododecylene, biphenyl, butenylene, penenylene, hexenylene, heptenylene, octenylene, nonenylene, decenylene, undecenylene, dodecenylene, hexynylene, heptynylene, octynylene, nonynylene, decynylene, undecynylene, dodecynylene, butadienylene, pentadienylene, hexadienylene, heptadienylene, octadienylene, nonadienylene, decadienylene, undecadienylene, dodecadienylene, hexatrienylene, octatrienylene, decatrienylene, and dodecatrienylene radicals; and (f) each X is independently methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, pentyl, hexyl, heptyl, octyl, nonyl, decyl, undecyl, dodecyl, tridecyl, tetradecyl, pentadecyl, hexadecyl, heptadecyl, octadecyl, nonadecyl, eicosyl, heneicosyl, docosyl, tricosyl, tetracosyl, pentacosyl, hexacosyl, heptacosyl, octacosyl, nonacosyl, triacontyl, hydride, phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, tolyl, methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, butoxy, dimethylamino, diethylamino, methylethylamino,

phenoxy, benzoxy, allyl, 1,1-dimethyl allyl, 2-carboxymethyl allyl, 1,1,1,5,5,5-hexa-fluoroacetylacetonate, 1,1,1-trifluoro-acetylacetonate, and 1,1,1-trifluoro-5,5-di-methylacetylacetonate; or the two X's are connected to form catecholate, 3,5-dibutylcatecholate, 3,6-dibutylcatecholate, 3,6-dibutyl-4,5-dimethoxycatecholate, 3,6-dibutyl-4,5-dichlorocatecholate, 3,6-dibutyl-4,5-dibromocatecholate, 1,3-propylene, chloride, bromide, iodide, or 1,4-butylene.

The description of Applicant's catalyst compound is found at pages 6 to 14, and the originally filed claims, particularly originally filed claims 2-15 of the specification as filed.

Independent claim 16

The present invention as claimed is also directed to a catalyst compound useful in olefin oligomerization and or polymerization represented by the formula:



wherein

M is nickel, cobalt or iron,

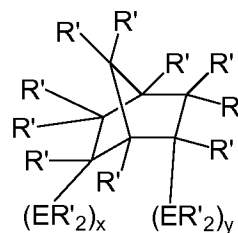
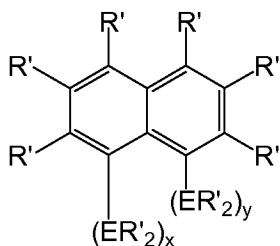
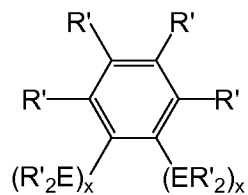
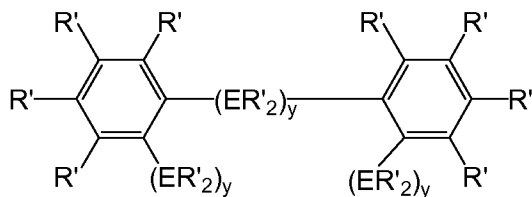
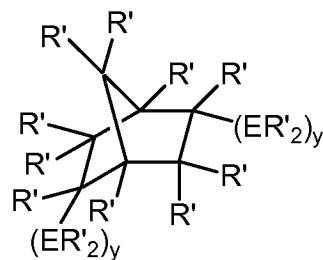
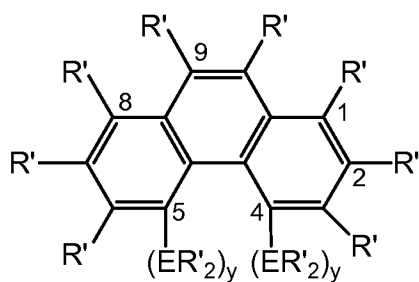
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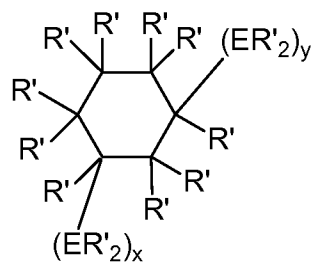
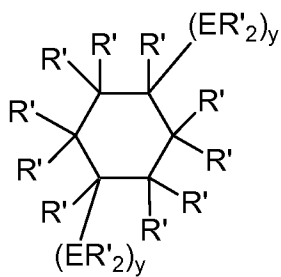
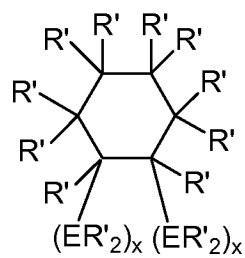
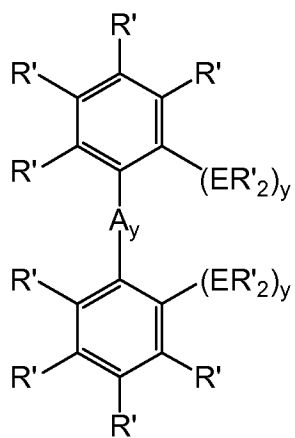
P is phosphorus;

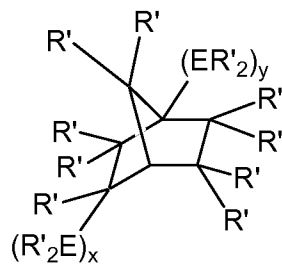
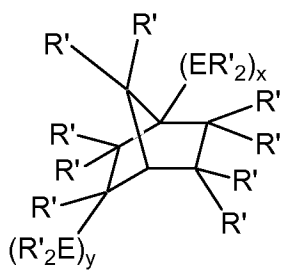
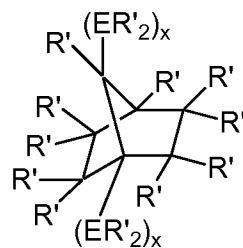
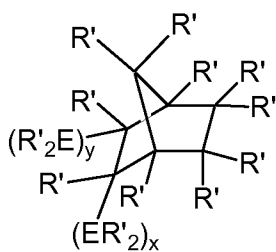
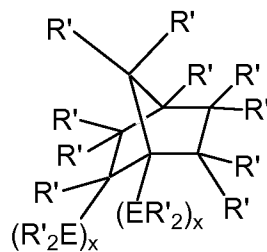
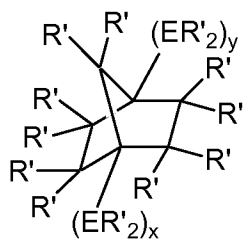
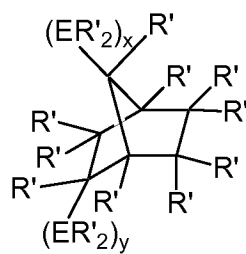
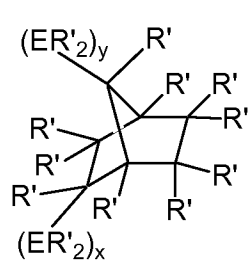
R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ are hydrocarbyl radicals;

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Y has one of the following formulas:







where

R' are hydrogen or C₁-C₅₀ hydrocarbyl radicals;

A is a non-hydrocarbon atom functional group;

E is a Group-14 element;

x is an integer from 1 to 4; and
y is an integer from 0 to 4.

The description of Applicant's catalyst compound is found at pages 6 to 14, and the originally filed claims, particularly originally filed claims 2-17 of the specification as filed.

Please note that the main difference between claim 2 and claim 16 is the definition of element "Y".